

1 **CLAIMS:**

2 1. An electrical motor, comprising:

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4 a housing;

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6 a plurality of discs stacked within the housing to form a stator, the discs having slots that
7 align with one another to form passages;

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9 a tube of dielectric film inserted within each of the passages, each of the tubes defining a
10 sealed outer margin; and

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12 a plurality of windings inserted through each of the tubes.

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15 2. The motor according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric film is nonmeltable.

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17 3. The motor according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric film of each of the tubes is
18 nonmeltable and is bonded to a carrier layer of a meltable material.

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20 4. The motor according to claim 1, wherein the dielectric film of each of the tubes has
21 overlapping edges and is bonded to a carrier layer of a thermoplastic material.

1 5. The motor according to claim 1, wherein the slots have side edges that are straight and
2 outer edges that are curved, and wherein the tubes have portions that are substantially flush
3 with the side edges and the outer edges.

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5 6. The motor according to claim 1, wherein a wall thickness of the tube is in the range from
6 .003 to .009 inch.

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8 7. The motor according to claim 1, wherein each of the tubes has a cross-sectional area that is
9 substantially equal to a cross-sectional area of each of the slots.

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11 8. An electrical motor, comprising:

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13 a housing;

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15 a plurality of discs stacked within the housing to form a stator, the discs having slots that
16 align with one another to form passages;

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18 a tube inserted within each of the passages, each of the tubes having a layer of a dielectric
19 film that has overlapping edges and which is bonded to a layer of a material that fuses to the
20 dielectric film to form a continuous sidewall; and

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22 a plurality of windings inserted through each of the tubes.
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1 9. The motor according to claim 8, wherein each of the slots has two side portions that are
2 straight and an outer edge portion that is curved, and wherein each of the tubes has straight
3 portions that are substantially flush with the side portions, and a curved portion substantially
4 flush with the outer edge portion.

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6 10. The motor according to claim 8, wherein each of the tubes has a wall thickness in the
7 range from .003 to .009 inch.

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9 11. The motor according to claim 8, wherein each of the tubes has a circumference that is
10 substantially equal to a perimeter of each of the slots.

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12 12. The motor according to claim 8, wherein the dielectric film of the tube comprises
13 polyimide.

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15 13. A method of installing windings in a slot passage within stator discs of an electrical
16 motor, comprising:

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18 (a) providing a dielectric tube with a continuous circumferential wall;

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20 (b) inserting the tube into the passage; then

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22 (c) inserting windings into the tube.
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1 14. The method according to claim 13, wherein step (a) comprises winding a layer of a
2 nonmeltable dielectric film that is bonded to a carrier layer of a meltable material into a
3 cylindrical configuration with overlapping edges, and bonding the overlapping edges to form
4 the continuous circumferential wall of the tube.

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6 15. The method according to claim 13, wherein step (a) comprises providing the tube with a
7 wall thickness in the range from .003 to .009 inch.

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9 16. The method according to claim 13, wherein step (b) comprises creating a vacuum in the
10 tube and maintaining the vacuum while inserting the tube into the passage.

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12 17. The method according to claim 16, wherein step (b) comprises relieving the vacuum
13 within the tube after insertion and prior to step (c).

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15 18. A method of installing windings in a slot passage within stator discs of an electrical
16 motor, comprising:

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18 (a) providing a dielectric film tube, the tube having a continuous circumferential side
19 wall;

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21 (b) applying a vacuum to the tube to cause the side wall of the tube to at least partially
22 collapse; then
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- 1 (c) while retaining the vacuum, inserting the tube into the passage; then
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- 3 (d) relieving the vacuum in the tube and inserting windings into the tube.
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